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KUWAIT POUCH MUSCAT DOHA

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. FOLLOWING FYI IS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THROUGH EVENING OCT. 16.

2. MILITARY SITUATION. TANK AND ARTILLERY EXCHANGES ON BOTH FRONTS LASTED THROUGH NIGHT OCT. 15/16. ISRAELI NAVY HIT EGYPTIAN COAST DURING NIGHT, REPORTEDLY SCORING AGAINST EGYPTIAN RADAR SITES NEAR ALEXANDRIA. DAWN SYRIAN-IRAQI COUNTERATTACK ON PORTION ISRAELI LINE REPULSED BY IDF WHICH CLAIMS TO HAVE KNOCKED OUT 100 TANKS IN THIS ACTION. IDF CLAIMS IT SHOT DOWN 10 AIRCRAFT ON SYRIAN FRONT OCT 16 AND 12 ON EGYPTIAN. MRS. MEIR SAID IN SPEECH TO KNESSET THAT IDF FORCE OPERATING WEST OF CANAL; IDF LATER SAID FORCE WAS COMMANDO RAID, INCLUDING SOME ARMOR, DIRECTED AGAINST ARTILLERY AND AIR DEFENSE BATTERIES. AS OF END FIGHTING DAY IN MIDDLE EAST THERE HAD BEEN NO CONFIRMED MAJOR SHIFTS IN BATTLE LINES, THOUGH U.S. MEDIA REPORT THAT ISRAELIS HAVE TURNED EGYPTIAN FLANK IN SOUTHERN CANAL AREA.

3. JORDANIAN FORCES SAW ACTION OCT. 16, APPARENTLY AS LEFT WING OF SYRIAN-IRAQI COUNTERATTACK. ISRAELIS CLAIM

30 JORDANIAN TANKS KNOCKED OUT BEFORE JORDANIANS WITHDREW. JORDANIAN MEDIA ANNOUNCED ACTION BY THEIR FORCES. SAUDI TROOPS NOT YET IN ARAB BATTLE LINE. IDF BRIEFING OFFICER SAID TODAY THAT ONE OF IDF OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO THROW IDF AGAINST EACH OF NATIONAL CONTINGENTS ARRIVING ON SCENE BEFORE THEY CAN BECOME COORDINATED FORCE.

4. DIA ESTIMATES CASUALTIES AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES THROUGH OCT. 15 AS FOLLOWS:

ARABS: PERSONNEL (KIA AND WIA) 17,000, TANKS 1,400,
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AIRCRAFT 270, SHIPS 20.

ISRAEL: PERSONNEL (KIA AND WIA) 3,300, TANKS 800, AIRCRAFT 95, SHIPS 3.

5. OIL WEAPON WAS USED TODAY WHEN SAUDIS CALLED IN EC AMBASSADORS AND, IN AIDE MEMOIRE, URGED EC COUNTRIES INFLUENCE USG TO CHANGE MIDDLE EAST POLICY. SAUDIS SAID

KING FAISAL MUST REACT TO US RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL AND MOST
LIKELY TO DO SO BY DECREASE IN OIL PRODUCTION, DECREASE
WHICH WILL HURT EC COUNTRIES FIRST.

6. SOVIET RESUPPLY OF ARABS APPROACHES 400 FLIGHTS
AND SOME 5,000 TONS OF MATERIEL. SOVIET RESUPPLY
BY SHIP ALSO IS REPORTED. PRIME MINISTER KOSYGIN ARRIVED
IN CAIRO LATE OCT. 16, OFFICIAL MOSCOW ANNOUNCEMENT OF
HIS VISIT EXPECTED OCT. 17.

7. ARAB REACTIONS TO OUR RESUPPLY EFFORT AS NEGATIVE AS
EXPECTED BUT SO FAR NO ANTI-AMERICAN VIOLENCE IN ARAB
WORLD, THOUGH MUSLIM STUDENTS IN KUALA LUMPUR BROKE
WINDOWS IN USIS FACILITY DURING DEMONSTRATION. ANTI-
AMERICAN TEMPERATURE WILL LIKELY RISE, HOWEVER, AS RE-
SUPPLY GIVEN FURTHER, MORE DETAILED PLAY IN ARAB MEDIA. KISSINGER

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